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CONCRETE QUALITY CONTROL TO BE IMPROVED

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MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS WILL SOON BE MADE IN THE STANDARD OF QUALITY CONTROL OF CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION IN HONG KONG'S PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR N.K. CHAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR CHAN, OPENING AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON +NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CONCRETE TECHNOLOGY+, SAID THAT CONCRETE HAD BEEN THE MAIN BUILDING MATERIAL USED DURING A PERIOD OF SUSTAINED GROWTH FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

HE SAID THAT TOTAL VALUE OF ALL CONSTRUCTION IN HONG KONG IN 1981 WAS ABOUT \$17 000 MILLION.

+A MEASURE OF THIS REMARKABLE GROWTH CAN BE GAUGED BY COMPARING IT WITH AN EXPENDITURE IN 1970 OF \$1 311 MILLION, WHICH — EVEN WHEN CORRECTED TO CONSTANT PRICES USING 1973 AS A BASE — SHOWS THAT THE VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK IN THE LAST 11 YEARS HAS INCREASED BY APPROXIMATELY 340 PER CENT,+ MR CHAN SAID.

HE CONGRATULATED THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FOR THE ADAPTABILITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS IT HAD SHOWN IN COPING WITH SUCH A HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY.

MR CHAN SAID THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAD RESPONDED ACTIVELY TO THE GROWING AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR BETTER CONCRETE QUALITY CONTROL IN HONG KONG.

HE ADDED THAT THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, WHICH REGULATED THE WORK OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, HAD SET UP A WORKING PARTY IN 1980 TO REVIEW THE BUILDING (CONSTRUCTION) REGULATIONS.

A SUB-COMMITTEE, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, THE CONCRETE SOCIETY (HK) LTD., AND COMMERCIAL TESTING LABORATORIES, IS REVIEWING QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES IN PRIVATE BUILDING WORKS.

+WHEN THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS, THESE WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO REGULATIONS. AFTER THEY ARE ENACTED, WE SHOULD SEE A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN CONCRETE QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES IN PRIVATE BUILDING WORKS,+ MR CHAN SAID.

WITH RESPECT TO PWD PROJECTS, A WORKING PARTY WAS SET UP IN 1980 TO REVIEW THE PROCEDURES FOR THE QUALITY CONTROL TESTING OF CONCRETE AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THEM.

AS A RESULT, MR CHAN SAID, THREE MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE. THEY WERE:

THE FIRST INVOLVED THE ELIMINATION OF UNSATISFACTORY PRACTICES IN THE METHOD OF COMPLIANCE TESTING ON SITE. PWD SITE STAFF WERE NOW MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN COMPLIANCE TESTING.

SECOND, A UNIFIED CONCRETE SPECIFICATION WAS PREPARED FOR ALL PWD OFFICES. THIS SPECIFICATION, SOON TO COME INTO EFFECT, WOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CONCRETE MIXES NOW BEING USED, AND INCORPORATE THE LATEST CONCRETE TECHNOLOGY, MR CHAN SAID. THIS WOULD HELP ENGINEERS, CONTRACTORS AND READY-MIXED CONCRETE SUPPLIERS.

THIRD, AN EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF, SUPERVISORY AND TECHNICAL GRADES AND WORKS SUPERVISOR TRAINEES. THE THREE CATEGORIES OF STAFF WOULD ATTEND SEMINARS AND SHORT COURSES TO KEEP THEM UP TO DATE WITH CHANGES IN CONCRETE TECHNOLOGY. TRAINEES WOULD HAVE A NEW SYLLABUS WHICH WOULD GIVE A BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL TRAINING.

MR CHAN SAID THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO DEAL WITH WIDER PROBLEMS OF CONSTRUCTION.

+TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM, THE PWD AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAVE ESTABLISHED A PERMANENT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONCRETE TECHNOLOGY UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE GEOTECHNICAL AND MATERIALS ADVISER, MR STANLEY RODIN,+ HE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD REVIEW CONCRETE QUALITY CONTROL STANDARDS, SPECIFICATIONS, TRAINING, READY-MIXED CONCRETE AND THE SUPPLY OF MATERIALS AND OTHER TECHNICAL MATTERS.

IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM HONG KONG, DELEGATES FROM AUSTRALIA, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND ARE ATTENDING THE SEMINAR.

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GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS DISTRICT BOARD
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL ADDRESS THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD ON THURSDAY (MARCH 18) AT 3 PM AT LOKE YEW HALL, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD IS THE LAST OF THE 10 DISTRICT BOARDS FORMED IN THE URBAN DISTRICTS.

IT COMPRISES 23 MEMBERS -- SEVEN EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, 14 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS AND TWO URBAN COUNCILLORS, AND ITS CHAIRMAN WILL BE THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, CENTRAL AND WESTERN, MR TONY CLARK.

BEFORE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, A CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WAS FORMED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION ON DISTRICT PROBLEMS.

THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAS HELD FOUR MEETINGS SINCE THEN AND HAS SET UP THREE SUB-COMMITTEES TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS MATTERS INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT PROBLEMS, AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD COVERS SECTIONS OF THE NORTHERN PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND, AS WELL AS THE MID-LEVELS AND PEAK RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AT LOKE YEW HALL, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, POK FU LAM ROAD, HONG KONG AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 18). UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AFTER THE MEETING.

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NEED FOR CONTINUOUS LEARNING STRESSED

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A PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKER REQUIRES CONTINUOUS LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT TO COPE WITH THE CHANGING COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF INDIVIDUALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC'S PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSE IN DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL WORK AND CERTIFICATE IN CHILD CARE TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE DESCRIBED THE WORK OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS AS A +LIFE-LONG COMMITMENT+.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GRADUATES WOULD USE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS CONSTRUCTIVELY FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE LIFE OF FELLOW CITIZENS.

ACQUIRING A DIPLOMA, HE SAID, SHOULD MEAN +THAT ONE IS COMPETENT TO HELP OTHERS WHO NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE TO SOLVE THEIR PERSONAL OR OTHER PROBLEMS, AND IS ABLE TO COMMAND THE TRUST AND RESPECT OF YOUR CLIENTS BY VIRTUE OF YOUR ABILITIES AND ATTITUDES.+

HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE POLYTECHNIC'S SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK WAS PLANNING TO INCREASE ITS DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL WORK INTAKE FROM 80 TO 100 IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR, IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT AND PROJECTED SHORTAGE OF TRAINED MANPOWER.

THE WORKING PARTY ON SOCIAL WELFARE MANPOWER ESTIMATED THAT THE ACCUMULATED SHORTFALL OF NON-GRADUATE SOCIAL WORKERS AT THE PRESENT RATE OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND WOULD INCREASE FROM 265 BY 1982-83 TO 750 BY 1986-87.

+EVEN WITH THE VARIOUS REMEDIES RECOMMENDED, THE SHORTFALL BY 1986-87 WOULD STILL BE 225,+ MR ALLEYNE SAID.

+THE DEMAND FOR NON-GRADUATE SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE LONG TERM IS EVEN GREATER THAN THAT FOR GRADUATE SOCIAL WORKERS,+ HE SAID, +AND WE LOOK TO THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK TO MEET THESE EXPECTATIONS.+

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MORE SOCIAL CENTRES FOR AGED TO OPEN

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FIFTEEN NEW SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY ARE EXPECTED TO BE OPENED IN THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THERE ARE NOW 45 SUBVENTED SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE AGED, HE SAID AT THE OPENING OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS' WONG SHIU CHING SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT WAH FU ESTATE.

THESE CENTRES ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE FACILITIES +TO ENABLE PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 60 TO ENJOY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TAILORED TO THEIR NEEDS, FOSTER SOCIAL CONTACT AMONG PEOPLE WITH SIMILAR NEEDS AND INTERESTS AND FORESTALL ISOLATION AND LONELINESS.+

THE PLANNING RATIO FOR SOCIAL CENTRES IS ONE FOR EVERY 30 000 POPULATION AND THE SPACE ALLOCATED IS ABOUT 169 SQ. METRES.

+ON THIS BASIS, WE ARE STILL SHORT OF SOCIAL CENTRES,+ MR ALLEYNE SAID.

THE CENTRES HAD BEEN CLASSIFIED AS CATEGORY II SERVICE UNDER THE NEW SUBVENTION SYSTEM AND WERE +ONE OF THE SERVICES FOR WHICH WE WISH TO ATTRACT COMMUNITY SUPPORT.+

HE SAID THAT PENDING THE DETERMINATION OF STANDARD COSTS FOR SOCIAL CENTRES AND THE APPROPRIATE PERCENTAGE OF THE STANDARD COST TO BE SUPPORTED, THE SUBVENTION FOR 1982 FOR SOCIAL CENTRES WOULD BE BASED ON 70 PER CENT OF THE RECOGNISED EXPENDITURE OF INDIVIDUAL CENTRES.

+THIS PERCENTAGE IS BASED BROADLY ON THE PAST LEVEL OF SUPPORT AND WILL ON THE AVERAGE, IN MONEY TERMS, AMOUNT TO AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 21 PER CENT OVER LAST YEAR'S SUBVENTION.+

THE NEW SOCIAL CENTRE OPENED TODAY WILL CATER FOR SOME 150 PEOPLE. IT WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND AND OTHER BENEFACTORS.

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MAKING WONG TAI SIN A BETTER PLACE

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EFFORTS IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION AND THE PROMOTION OF INTEGRITY AND A FULLER LIFE FOR RESIDENTS WERE THE MAIN POINTS OF A TALK BY THE ICAC COMMISSIONER, MR P.B. WILLIAMS AT THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD HELD THIS AFTERNOON (TUESDAY) IN FUNG MING HALL, WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE.

AT THE MEETING THE BOARD ENDORSED A DISTRICT STRATEGY, WHICH PRESENTS COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR THE DISTRICT DURING THE 1980'S ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LIFE, INCLUDING CULTURE AND ART, RECREATION AND SPORTS, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS, URBAN COUNCIL FACILITIES, AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

A COMPREHENSIVE DISTRICT REPORT WAS PRESENTED TO THE MEETING FOR MEMBERS' REFERENCE.

IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS, MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE SHORTFALL IN COMMUNITY CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT. THEY WERE INFORMED, HOWEVER, THAT ADVICE WOULD BE RECEIVED FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ABOUT PLANS FOR MEETING THE SHORTFALLS.

MEMBERS ALSO EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT THE OFFICE HOURS OF SOME GOVERNMENT SERVICES BE EXTENDED INTO THE EVENING.

NIGHT CLINIC SERVICES IN GOVERNMENT CLINICS SHOULD BE EXTENDED, AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICE SHOULD EXTEND THEIR SERVICES TO 9 PM ON WEEK DAYS, SO THAT THE RESIDENTS COULD VISIT THEM AFTER WORK WITHOUT LOSS OF WAGES. MEMBERS ALSO URGED THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO TAKE MORE ACTION AFTER 5 PM AGAINST ON-STREET ILLEGAL HAWKERS.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED CONCERNED THE ESTATE ROADS IN CHOI HUNG, WHICH WOULD BE TAKEN OVER BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE ESTATE, AND THE PROPOSED REPAIRS OF AN UNGAZETTED ROAD IN CHUNG SHAN VILLAGE SQUATTER AREA.

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PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IN TAI PO

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AN OPEN CROSSWORD PUZZLE AND SLOGAN COMPETITION IS BEING HELD IN TAI PO TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IN THE DISTRICT, AS PART OF THE EFFORTS TO SPREAD THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN MESSAGE.

BESIDES PROVIDING THE SOLUTION TO THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE, ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SUBMIT A SLOGAN OF NOT MORE THAN 10 WORDS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING TAI PO CLEAN.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE. ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MONDAY, MARCH 22.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS OF THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE WILL RECEIVE PRIZES OF \$400, \$300 AND \$200 RESPECTIVELY, AND THE WINNER OF THE BEST SLOGAN WILL BE AWARDED \$300.

JUDGES WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP, ONE OF THE FOUR WORKING GROUPS SERVING THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS AND WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE, WHICH IS ORGANISING THE COMPETITION.

MEANWHILE, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN AT TAI PO ARE RESPONDING ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO A CLEAN-UP OPERATION AT LOCAL VILLAGES, BEACHES, AND COUNTRY PARKS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN NEXT MONDAY WHEN STUDENT VOLUNTEERS WILL TURN OUT IN FORCE TO HELP KEEP TAI PO A CLEAN NEW TOWN.

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NT MOBILE LIBRARY CHANGE OF STOP
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THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT NT MOBILE LIBRARY'S STOP AT HO PONG ROAD, TUEN MUN WILL BE CANCELLED AND REPLACED BY A NEW STOP AT MOON YU HOUSE, SAM SHING ESTATE, WITH EFFECT FROM THURSDAY (MARCH 18).

THE MOBILE LIBRARY WILL HENCEFORTH MAKE ITS STOP AT MOON YU HOUSE EVERY ALTERNATE THURSDAY FROM 2.30 PM TO 6 PM, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE LIBRARY WILL CONTINUE TO STOP AT CHI LOK FA YUEN AND YAU OI ESTATE.

AT CHI LOK FA YUEN, THE LIBRARY SERVICE HOURS WILL BE BETWEEN 11 AM AND 1 PM EVERY ALTERNATE THURSDAY FROM MARCH 18.

FROM MARCH 25, THE LIBRARY WILL STOP AT OI FAI HOUSE, YAU OI ESTATE EVERY ALTERNATE THURSDAY, FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 6 PM.

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PARKING SPACES FOR THE DISABLED
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TWO PARKING SPACES WILL BE EXCLUSIVELY RESERVED FOR VEHICLES USED BY DISABLED DRIVERS FROM FRIDAY (MARCH 19).

THEY ARE:

- * PARKING SPACE NO. 24 ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF CITY HALL MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK IN CENTRAL.
- * PARKING SPACE NO. C1 ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF MIDDLE ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT FOR HAPPY VALLEY RACE MEETING
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HAPPY VALLEY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) BECAUSE OF NIGHT RACING, A SPOKESMAN FOR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

TWO HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE RACES, MAJOR ROAD DIVERSIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN MORRISON HILL ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD, BROADWOOD ROAD, SHAN KWONG ROAD, VILLAGE ROAD, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD, SPORTS ROAD, AND OI KWAN ROAD.

MOST OTHER SECTIONS IN THE AREA, INCLUDING THE CANAL ROAD EXTENSION, WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED AND MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO AVOID THE AREA IF POSSIBLE.

NOTICES OF THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN BOTH THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE PRESS TOMORROW.

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RE-ROUTING OF MAXICABS
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FOLLOWING THE NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN DEEP WATER BAY ROAD, HONG KONG ISLAND PLB MAXICAB ROUTES NO. 4 AND 5 WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

ROUTE NO. 5 WILL USE WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD, REPULSE BAY ROAD, ISLAND ROAD, DEEP WATER BAY ROAD, SHOUSON HILL ROAD EAST AND SHOUSON HILL ROAD ON THEIR SOUTHBOUND JOURNEYS.

FOLLOWING THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL'S CLOSURE AT 10.30 PM, ROUTE NO. 4 DEPARTING AFTER 10 PM WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD, REPULSE BAY ROAD, ISLAND ROAD AND WONG CHUK HANG ROAD ON THEIR SOUTHBOUND JOURNEYS.

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